

exchange information concerning facilities' use and storage of hazardous materials? Are there ways in which they can communicate more effectively concerning hazardous material inventory and labeling requirements?

Comments should address the questions listed above. CSB will accept verbal comments at the public hearing. Verbal comments must be limited to 4 minutes. Those wishing to make verbal comments should pre-register by April 11, 2003. To pre-register, send your name and a brief outline of your comments to the person listed in ADDRESSES.

D. Request for Comments

The CSB requests that interested parties submit written comments on the above questions to facilitate greater understanding of the issues. Comments should indicate the number(s) of the specific question(s) being answered, provide responses to questions in numerical order, and use a separate page for each question answered. Comments should be captioned "Kaltech Incident—Comments," and must be filed on or before May 5, 2003.

Parties sending written comments should submit an original and two copies of each document. To enable prompt review and public access, paper submissions should include a version on diskette in PDF, ASCII, or Microsoft Word format. Diskettes should be labeled with the name of the party, and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to Don.Holmstrom@csb.gov. Written comments will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, and CSB regulations.

E. Agenda (9 a.m.–1 p.m.)

- I. CSB Introduction (1 hour)
- II. New York City panel (1 hour)
- III. Fire Safety Experts' panel (1 hour)
- IV. Comments from interested parties and the public (1 hour)

F. Sunshine Act Notice

The United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board announces that it will convene a Public Hearing beginning on Wednesday April 16, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY), 7th Avenue at 27th Street, New York City, New York. Topics will include: CSB's investigation of the Kaltech Industries Group. The meeting will be open to the public. Please notify CSB if a translator or interpreter is needed, 10 business days prior to the

public meeting. For more information, please contact the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, 202–261–7600, or visit our Web site at: www.csb.gov.

Christopher W. Warner,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) will meet on April 23 & 24, 2003, 9 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to information systems equipment and technology.

April 23

Public Session

1. Comments or presentations by the public.
2. Discussion on Category 3B (electronics—test, inspection and production equipment) controls and proposed study.
3. Discussion on oscilloscope controls and suggested changes.
4. Discussion on Ultra-Wide Band equipment proposal.

April 23 & 24

Closed Session

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below:

Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on September 7, 2001, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

For more information, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on 202–482–2583.

Dated: March 31, 2003.

Lee Ann Carpenter,
Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012903A]

Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Conducting Oil and Gas Exploration Activities in the Gulf of Mexico

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment deadline.

SUMMARY: Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), on March 3, 2003, NMFS published a notice of receipt of an application for the harassment of marine mammals incidental to conducting seismic surveys by the U.S. oil and gas industry in the Gulf of Mexico. By this document, NMFS announces an extension of the comment deadline.

DATES: Comments and information must be postmarked no later than April 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West

Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3226. A copy of the application and a list of references used in this document may be obtained by writing to this address, or by telephoning the contact listed here (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, NMFS, 301–713–2055, ext 128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and regulations are issued.

On March 3, 2003 (68 FR 9991), NMFS announced that it had received a request from the U.S. Minerals Management Service of the Department of the Interior, for authorization to harass small numbers of marine mammals, principally the sperm whale, incidental to conducting seismic surveys in the GOM. As a result of that request, NMFS is considering whether to propose regulations that would govern the incidental taking of small numbers of marine mammals under Letters of Authorization (LOAs) issued to members of the seismic industry that might have interactions with sperm whales. In order to promulgate regulations and issue LOAs, NMFS must determine that these takings will have a negligible impact on the affected species and stocks of marine mammals. By this document, NMFS extends the comment period on the preliminary application and suggestions on the content of the regulations comment until April 16, 2003.

Dated: March 28, 2003.

Laurie K. Allen,

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032703G]

**Endangered and Threatened Species;
Take of Anadromous Fish**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of application for renewal of scientific research permit 1027 and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for renewal of scientific research permit 1027 from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Sacramento, CA. The permit would affect federally endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit renewal application for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see ADDRESSES) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on May 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this request should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review by appointment, for permit 1027: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ph: 916–930–3600, fax: 916–930z63629). Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 3226 (301 713 1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosalie del Rosario at phone number 916-930-3600, or e-mail: Rosalie.delRosario@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and

policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to the federally endangered Sacramento River Winter-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*).

Applications Received

USFWS requests a renewal of permit 1027, a 5-year permit that authorized take of adult and juvenile endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon ESU associated with artificial production and captive broodstock programs. The broodstock collection target for winter-run Chinook is 15 percent of the estimated upriver escapement, up to a maximum of 120 natural-origin winter-run Chinook broodstock per brood year (i.e., run sizes >800). In that effort, up to 400 winter-run Chinook may be captured annually and the remaining 280 adults will be tagged and returned to the Sacramento River to spawn naturally. To maintain genetic diversity, no fewer than 20 adults will be taken for the broodstock collection regardless of run size (i.e., run sizes <135). Based on three years of trapping data (e.g., 2000–2002), mortality is expected to be <2 percent of total captured, and pre-spawning mortality is expected to be <10 percent of 120 fish retained for spawning. To minimize potential negative effects resulting from natural selection in the hatchery (i.e., domestication), the number of hatchery-origin winter-run Chinook incorporated as broodstock will not exceed 10 percent of the total number of winter-run Chinook spawned (not including captive broodstock crosses). No more than 250,000 pre-smolt winter-run Chinook will be released annually. Post-release contribution potential of progeny derived from captive broodstock adults that were reared to maturity is also